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SUBJECT: UNCTAD COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS

REF: GENEVA 2157

1. GROUP B ON MAY 10 TOOK UP UNCTAD SG PEREZ GUERRERO'S (PG) PROPOSAL FOR INTENSIVE COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS. EC, AUSTRALIA, CANADA AND SPAIN SAID COULD ACCEPT PG PROPOSAL INCLUDING LIST AND TIMETABLE. JAPAN SAID WOULD GO ALONG IF GROUP B POSITION UNANIMOUS. US DEL SAID AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS. CANADA INDICATED HAD SOME PROBLEMS ON COMMODITIES TO BE CONSIDERED IN SECOND PHASE BUT THESE NOT MAJOR. UK REPORTED AFRICANS STILL ADAMANT ON COFFEE AND PG CONSIDERING MAKING TRIP TO BRAZIL AND COLOMBIA TO GET AGREEMENT CONSULT ON COFFEE IN COFFEE COUNCIL. ALL SPEAKERS EMPHASIZED THAT IF POSSIBLE, GROUP B INFORM PG SOONEST OF GROUP B ACCEPTANCE HIS PROPOSAL IN ORDER STRENGTHEN HIS HAND IN DEALING WITH GROUPOF 77 AND HOPEFULLY PREVENTING ADDITION OF EVEN MORE COMMODITIES FOR CONSULTATIONS.

2. GROUP B COORDINATOR (STAEHLIN) SAID HOPED RECEIVE US RESPONSE ASAP. IF US ACCEPTS PG PROPOSAL, HE WILL
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INFORM PG OF UNANIMOUS GROUP B POSITION. IF MAJOR PROBLEM
ARISES, HE WILL RECONVENE GROUP TO CONSIDER SITUATION.
IN RESPONDING TO PG, STAEHLIN SAID HE WOULD EMPHASIZE
THAT CONSULTATIONS MUST BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RES 83(III)
DETAILS OF WHICH WORKED OUT IN RES 7 VII OF
COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES.

3. INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED SOONEST.
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